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receiving a communication result information
notified by the data communication system, [and]
a storage step of independently storing the
communication result information related to data
communication based on the instruction in said instruction
step and the communication result information received from
the data communication system in the reception step.

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application.
Claims 13 and 17 have been revised slightly to attend to
matters of form'. Claims 1, 7, 13 and 17-23 are
independent.

The Examiner is thanked for the telephonic
interview conducted earlier this day. In preparing this
Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has taken care
to proceed in a manner consistent with the discussions during
that interview, namely, to make the foregoing minor changes
to claims 13 and 17.

As discussed in greater detail during the
interview, the present invention is not suggested by U.S.
Patent No. 5,644,404 to Hashimoto, et al., the cited primary
reference, because Hashimoto relates to a system which
receives incoming facsimiles and provides to the facsimile

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sending the facsimile notification that a user of the system has accessed the received facsimile.

In contrast, the present invention involves a system which keeps track of manual operation (usage) of a facsimile device that is part of the system, and which makes available to a user of the system "logging" information regarding such manual operation of the facsimile. This is in no way even suggested by Hashimoto.

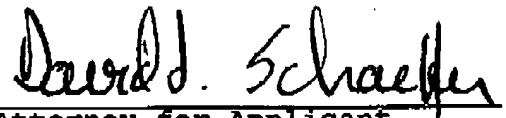
For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention avoids the cited art.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, prompt and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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